



CITY OF SEATTLE

NOTICE OF SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 1998 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND THE CITY OF SEATTLE REGARDING THE UW LEASE LID

The Seattle City Council is considering proposed amendments to the 1998 Agreement between the City of Seattle and the University of Washington (UW), a Growth Management Act development regulation. The amendments relate to restrictions on leasing by the UW, impose reporting requirements, and update references. The amendments also change the process by which such amendments may be considered by the City Council. The City Council is currently considering two alternatives (each in separate proposed ordinances), which are summarized below:

Alternative One (C.B. 114941):

Remove general restrictions on the amount and location of property that may be leased by the UW; establish a goal that 75% of UW leased space occur in the Univ. Dist. NW Urban Center Village; prohibit UW leasing at ground level in pedestrian overlay zones; review UW leasing activity after five years; provide semi-annual reports regarding housing goals; prohibit leasing of the Batelle property by the UW; update references to City departments; and change the process by which amendments may be considered.

Alternative Two (C.B. 114942):

Prohibit the UW from leasing more than 750,000 square feet within the primary and secondary impact zones around the UW (exceptions for vacant, non-street level space and new structures with 30% in residential use), require that any new leases within those zones be located in the "permitted leasing zone;" allow unlimited leasing by the UW outside of the primary and secondary impact zones; review UW leasing activity after five years; provide semi-annual reports regarding housing goals; update references to City departments; and change the process by which amendments may be considered.

Based upon public comments and Council deliberations, the amendments ultimately adopted, if any, may be different than the amendments as proposed in the alternatives summarized above.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council's Government Affairs and Labor Committee will hold two public hearings to take public comments on the proposals. The first hearing is on July 27, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council's Chamber, 2nd floor, Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue. The entrance to City Hall is located on Fifth Avenue between James and Cherry Streets. The second hearing is on August 3, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), located at 2700 24th Avenue East.

For those who wish to testify, a sign-up sheet will be available one half hour before each public hearing. Questions concerning the public hearings may be directed to Krista Bunch in Councilmember Jan Drago's office, by calling 206-684-8801 or via email at krista.bunch@seattle.gov. The City Council Chamber and MOHAI are accessible. Print and communications access is provided on prior request. Please contact Krista Bunch at 206-684-8801 as soon as possible to request accommodations for a disability.

Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted at any time until the final Council vote on the legislation. However, the Council prefers to receive written comments by 5:00 p.m. on August 4 to allow for

review by the Government Affairs and Labor Committee during its consideration of the proposals. (Written copies of testimony are welcome at the public hearings.) Send written comments to:

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the two proposed ordinances are available from the DPD Public Resource Center, 700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000 in the Key Tower, 684-8467. The Public Resource Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The proposed ordinances will also be available by June 25, 2004 at the Seattle City Clerk's website: <http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/leghome.htm> by searching for Council Bills 114941 and 114942.